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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

Dr MORDECAI W JOHNSON, pres, Howard Univ: "The greatest tragedy in a democratic society is for a man to graduate from college thinking exactly as the generation that pays his tuition." 1-Q

POPE PIUS XII: "Employers and workers are not irreconcilable antagonists. They are collaborators in a common task. They eat, so to speak, at the same table, since they live, in the last resort, from the net global profit of the nat'l economy." 2-Q

Sen ARTHUR VANDENBERG, of Mich: "We shall take nothing for granted (at the Paris For'gn Min's meeting). We shall not forget the famous aphorism that it does no good for the sheep to meet and pass resolutions in favor of vegetarianism so long as the wolves think otherwise." 3-Q

Pres HARRY S TRUMAN: "It is time people stopped getting hysterical when the word atom is mentioned. The plain fact is that the atomic energy program is in good shape—and in good hands." (Quoted by HARLAN TROTT, *Christian Science Monitor*) 4-Q

Dr RALPH BUNCHE, UN mediator in Palestine: "It is perhaps more difficult to wage peace than war, but it is also eminently more profitable." 5-Q

OSCAR R EWING, Fed'l Security Administrator, pleading for expanded social welfare program now: "To wait until catastrophe

overtakes us and forces us into hastily devised emergency measures is to disregard the most elementary principles of statesmanship." 6-Q

Sen MARGARET CHASE SMITH, of Me, proposing more instead of less publicity be given juvenile crimes: "It's the squeaking wheel that gets the grease." 7-Q

Sir ALFRED MUNNINGS, pres, Britain's Royal Academy, calling American art worst in world: "American artists . . . spend all their time seeing who can paint the worst. They paint arms and legs all over the place. They paint 2-headed women, all sorts of monstrosities." 8-Q

DAVID ZASLAVSKY, Soviet journalist, branding American for'gn correspondents as trained intelligence agents, spies, devoted servants of capitalism: "Freedom of the press is tantamount to freedom of espionage and freedom to organize anti-gov't conspiracies in E Europe." 9-Q

WAYNE COY, chmn, FCC: "Five yrs from now, most Americans will be getting most of their broadcast information, education and entertainment from television." 10-Q

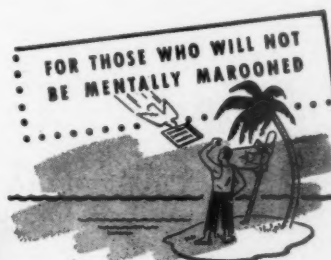
Dr HUGH C WOLFE, chmn, Fed of American Scientists and associate prof of physics, City College of N Y: "Communists are no more dangerous to the nat'l security in nonsecret gov't research than in private employment." 11-Q

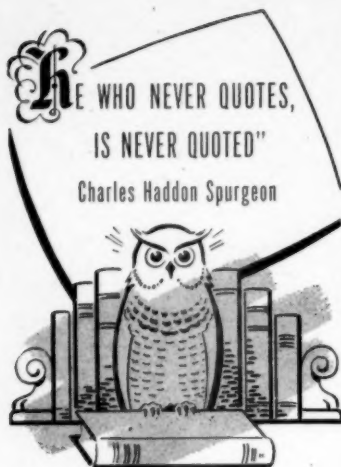
Brig Gen CARLOS P ROMULO, chief Filipino delegate to UN: "Ruined by war, betrayed after the victory, disillusioned by its friends, menaced by new enemies, Asia has emerged from her travail as the most dynamic region in the world today." 12-Q

Dr ROB'T G LEE, Memphis, Tenn, minister: "The snake of Hitlerism that hissed at justice, mercy, truth and freedom has been scotched. But the crocodile of Communism is more aggressive and arrogant than ever." 13-Q

VINCENT MACDONALD, Dean of Dalhousie Univ, Canada: "You don't enact good laws, you grow them." 14-Q

Dr JOHN WHITE, Glasgow clergyman, at Church of Scotland Gen'l Assembly: "If the church has been overlooking some need of mankind and if communism has arisen because of it, then communism has something to teach us and we must attend to it without delay." 15-Q





ADVENTURE—Need—1

Psychologists tell us that everyone has certain fundamental needs. High on this list is the need for adventure. The child will find it, good or bad. It is as necessary to him as food.—HOWARD BRAUCHER, *Recreation*.

AMERICANA—2

It has been said that all America is so "organizational minded" that when 2 friends meet on the st 1 pounds a gavel and calls the other to order.—*Christian Observer*.

ATOMIC AGE—Safety—3

If your town has less than 50,000 population and 10 mi's of open country between it and an industrial concentration of 5 sq mi's, you may find atomic-age comfort in knowing that it "probably will not be strategically feasible" for an enemy to attack you — either with the atom bomb or the more conventional airborne missiles.—American Society of Civil Engineers.

AVERAGES—4

To strike averages is a dangerous policy. Some mo's ago I read of "a mysterious malady which af-

fects people of an average age of 45." When doctors professed ignorance of the disease, it was found that the only persons who had ever had it were a baby aged 12 mo's and a man of 90!—PHYLIS KELWAY, *Irish Wkly*.

BELIEF—5

We are incredibly heedless in the formation of our beliefs, but find ourselves filled with an illicit passion for them when anyone proposes to rob us of their companionship.—JAS. HARVEY ROB-INSON, quoted in *Science Digest*.

CHILDREN*—Democracy—6

The little child is the only true democrat. — HARRIET BEECHER STOWE.*

CHILDREN*—Observation—7

A party of visitors was being escorted thru one of our mid-western penitentiaries. One small child, 6 or 7 yrs old, possessed a most noticeable and vivid curiosity. She continually looked over the inmates, under the tables and machines and other places not easily inspected. Not once did she show any sign that she had seen the unknown thing for which she searched. Finally, as they were leaving, she asked, in child-like desperation, "Where are all the convicts?" Her mother explained that all of the men they had seen were convicts.

"But mother," the child repl'd, "those aren't convicts. They are men just like my own daddy."—C PATTERSON, "Misinformation," *Reformatory Pillar*, 4-20-'49.

CHURCH—Attendance—8

If absence really made the heart grow fonder, many more people would think of church as the dearest place on earth.—*World Call*.

COMIC BOOKS—Education—9

The 6th-grade class at a Louisville school was doing a simple study of the solar system. The teacher ans'd their questions and

told them to be very careful in selecting books on the subject since many were too deep and even teachers and the like got lost often.

Finally, the students swung the discussion around to the possibility of rockets some day reaching the moon and other planets. The kids showed an amazing knowledge.

"I didn't expect you to know so much about rockets," said the amazed teacher. "Why, some of the things that you have said, I haven't even found out myself. Where did you learn all this?"

"Oh," piped 1 little boy, "you'll find a lot of useful information on that subject in the comic books!"—*Louisville-Courier Jnl Mag*.

DEFENSE—Expenditure—10

U S spending for defense in the coming fiscal yr is to be \$15 billion. About 6.7% of the nat'l income, or \$100 per capita, this will acc't for 34% of the nat'l budget.—*U S News & World Report*.

DIFFERENCES—11

Whenever you meet a man differing from you, remember that you differ from him, and that your difference is to him as great and as offensive as his is to you.—*Ladies' Home Jnl*.

DISPLACED PERSONS—12

As of May 1st, 18,802 displaced persons had arrived in the U S. That means in the 1st 10 mo's after passage of the Displaced Persons Act of '48, less than 1/10th of the authorized total of 205,000 people had been admitted.—*Christian Century*.

EDUCATION—Czechoslovakia—13

The "Foreword" to the recently published curriculum for Czechoslovakian primary and secondary schools states that the new school is to be "a political school," and that it will "help to defend the principles established by . . . the popular democratic regime."—*Education Digest*.

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EFFICIENCY—14

The number of daily arrests at Bow St police station in London fell off sharply recently. Before the decline, a Bobbie was allowed 10 min's off for a cup of tea after bringing an arrested person to Bow St before going back on the beat. Then an efficiency expert barred this little practice. The Bobbies retaliated by quietly starting a "no-arrest" strike. No tea, no arrest. When the 10-min tea break was restored, arrests came back to their normal figure.—*St Louis Post-Dispatch*.

Motorist's Prayer

Grant me a steady hand and watchful eye,
That no man shall be hurt when I pass by.
Thou gavest life, and pray no act of mine
May take away or mar that gift of Thine.
Shelter those, dear Lord, who bear me company
From the evils of fire and all calamity;
Teach me to use my car for others' need,
Nor miss thru love of speed
The beauty of Thy world; that thus I may
With joy and courtesy go my way.
—Universe. 15

FREE ENTERPRISE—16

In a country where a newsboy becomes a banker, a bootblack rises to riches, a black man born to slavery is set free—in a country where a printer becomes Pres of a nation; in a country where a poor man with a dinner pail on his arm is respected equally with the man in the limousine; in a country where education is free, religion unhampered, and where every man and woman has equal rights—is there any reason for introducing a new form of gov't?—*Man on the St.*

GREED—17

We'd like to say a good word for greed. It's greed that makes men work hard. It's greed that makes them want 2 cars, 2 bath-rooms, 2 children, 2 chickens in the pot and 2 layers of schooling above the grammar school. And it's greed that makes them want

to go into business for themselves and create 2 jobs where there was only 1 before.—*Changing Times*.

GROWTH—Nourishment—18

A plant partakes of the character of the soil in which it grows.—Dwight D Eisenhower, pres, Columbia Univ, quoted in *Chicago Schools Jnl*.

HERITAGE—Choice—19

A young New Englander was annoying the carpenter working at his home with repeated acc'ts of his long native lineage.

"A doz of my ancestors," he boasted, "came over on the Mayflower. Why, every drop of my blood has been on American soil for 3 centuries!"

Wearily, the carpenter looked up from his task. "Tell me, sir," he said. "How many nights did you sit up deciding you'd not be born Chinese?" — JACK SEAMAN, *Pageant*.

HUMAN NATURE—20

All tiny babies are angels. But their wings grow shorter as their legs grow longer.—LUKE McLUKE, *Cincinnati Enquirer*.

INDIVIDUAL—Importance—21

Behind every great achievement—the building of the Pyramids, the writing of the Bible, the winning of a war for liberty, the creation of new machines, the revelation of inventions—stands a great mass of anonymous persons. Just as every drop has the right to say: without me the ocean would not be full, and every grain of sand to declare: without me, there would be no shoreline, so too, every individual, however humble and unappreciated, has the right to say: without me, this generation would not be doing its appointed tasks. — Rabbi LOUIS I NEWMAN, "A Successful Life," *American Hebrew*, 5-20-'49.

LABOR—and Mgt—22

We tend to think of labor and mgt in exaggerated cartoon symbols. Labor is a tough, lean fellow in overalls and squared paper hat. Mgt is a pot-bellied fellow with a big cigar and a silk hat. We had better expunge these false cliches from our minds, because both fellows are Americans of roughly the same mat'l and psychological make-up. There are real mgt-labor prob-

lems to be solved. Why prejudice the job in advance by assuming that 2 different species of human beings are involved?—ERIC JOHNSTON, pres, Motion Picture Ass'n, *Good Business*.

LAUGHTER—23

One should take good care not to grow too wise for so great a pleasure of life as laughter.—JOS ADDISON, English essayist.



June 12-18—*Nat'l Flag Wk
13-18—Nat'l Luggage & Leather Goods Wk
13-20—Father & Son Wk

June 12
1806—b John A Roebbing, German-born American engineer
1884—b Frank M Chapman, American ornithologist, author
1878—d Wm Cullen Bryant, American poet, journalist
1897—d Anthony Eden, British statesman
1919—Brig Gen Douglas MacArthur became sup't of West Point
1949—*Children's Day

June 13
323 B C—d Alexander III (the Great), of Macedonia
37 A D—b Gnaeus Julius Agricola, Roman statesman, gen'l
1795—b Thos Arnold, English educator, reformer
1865—b Wm B Yeats, Irish poet, dramatist

June 14
1811—*b Harriet Beecher Stowe, American novelist, reformer
1900—Hawaii made U S territory
1936—*d G K Chesterton, English man of letters
1949—*Flag Day

June 15
1215—Magna Charta signed by King John, Runnymede
1752—Benj Franklin demonstrated identity of electricity and lightning with kite
1836—Ark admitted to Union
1843—b Edvard Grieg, Norwegian composer
1844—Chas Goodyear rec'd 1st patent for vulcanizing rubber
1846—Oregon boundary treaty signed by Great Britain, U S
1849—d Jas K Polk, 11th U S Pres
1861—*b Ernestine Schumann-Heink, Austrian-born American singer

June 16
1933—FDR signed NRA bill

June 17
1719—*d Jos Addison, English essayist
1775—Battle of Bunker Hill
1818—b Chas F Gounod, French composer
1871—b Jas Weldon Johnson, American Negro author, diplomat
1882—b Igor Stravinsky, Russian composer
1944—Hitler hurled 1st heavy buzzbomb attack on England

June 18
1812—War of 1812 began
1815—*Napoleon defeated at Waterloo
1857—b Henry C Folger, American capitalist
1880—d John A Sutter, Calif pioneer
*Relevant mat'l in current issue. See items thus marked.



AGRICULTURE: Gro-Quick Co of Chicago has introduced wand supposed to kill weeds with 1 touch of sponge-rubber tip. Wand is filled with 2-4-D solution. (*News-week*)

COMMUNICATIONS: Portable walkie-talkie is now being made available to civilians for use between homes, autos, offices, plants, farms, etc. Housed in case 6x2½x1¼ in's, it weighs only 11 oz's. Batteries and headphones are carried in separate case the size of miniature camera. Range of unit is several mi's. (Dr HILTON I JONES, *Rotarian*)

COOKING AIDS: New pressure cooker can be opened while it cooks to see food and correct seasoning. Cooks with pressure rather than in it. (*McCall's*)

HYGIENE: Monsanto Chemical Co scientists have developed method of measuring cleanliness many times more sensitive than any now in use. Method is based on C-14, man-made carbon that is radioactive and a by-product of nuclear fission. By counting number of minute electrical charges emitted from soiled surface, scientists can find dirt on the cleanest surfaces. (*UP*)

WATCHES: New gadget for engineers is a Swiss-made wrist watch with a built-in circular slide rule. Available in stainless steel or 18-K gold from Juvenia Watch Agency. (*Financial World*)

WEARING APPAREL: Stones in new line of cuff links, tie holders, dress sets, change color at press of finger, eliminating need for separate sets to match different colored suits. Jacques Kreisler Mfr'g Co. (*Printers' Ink*)

MIND—24

The human mind is not a debating hall, but a picture gallery. Around it hang our smiles, our concepts. What we hang in the picture galleries of our minds usually determines our outlook and approach to life itself.—FRANCIS J HANDY, *Jesus the Preacher*. (Abingdon-Cokesbury)

NATURE—25

It has been estimated that the earth receives only a twenty-millionth part of 1% of the sun's output. Yet, this infinitesimal amount from 1 of the billion trillion similar stars makes it possible to live, have warmth, food and light.—*Survey Bulletin*.

OPINION—26

In a recent survey in Germany about the mother-in-law situation, questionnaires were sent to husbands and wives separately. The most astounding finding was that, in 29% of the questionnaires ret'd, handwriting of husbands and wives was identical, even to the signature confirming the fact that the undersigned had filled out the blank, etc, etc.—*Constance*, Germany. (*QUOTE translation*)

PEACE—27

A secure and stable peace is not a goal we can reach all at once and for all time. It is a dynamic state produced by effort and faith, with justice and courage. The struggle is continuous and hard. The prize is never irrevocably ours.—DEAN ACHESON, Sec'y of State, *Vital Speeches*.

PRaise—28

Some mo's before her death, Madame Ernestine Schumann-Heink* invited me to have dinner with her in Chicago, and promised to cook the dinner herself. Then she added, "If you tell me I am a great singer, I will like that; but if you have dinner with me and then say, 'Schumann-Heink, that is the best soup I ever ate,' then you will be a friend forever." — DALE CARNEGIE, *Five Minute Biographies*. (Greenberg)

PRINTING—29

The printing press has no legs but it has carried civilization almost all of the way from darkness to light.—EDW COURSIN, *Judy's*.

RACE—Medicine—30

Recent statistics indicate that there is about 1 colored doctor to each 3,400 of the colored population as compared with a ratio for all physicians of 1 to each 721 of the whole population. In 1 state, Miss, there is but 1 Negro doctor to each 18,000 of the Negro population.—JOHN MOSELEY, "Cancer and the Negro," *Crisis*, 5-'49.

RETROSPECTION—31

Had I had an English army I should have conquered the universe, for I could have gone all over the world without demoralizing my troops. Had I been in 1815 the choice of the English as I was of the French, I might have lost the battle of Waterloo* without losing a vote in Parliament or a soldier from my ranks. I should have won the game.—NAPOLEON, at St Helena.

Building

I watched them tearing a bldg down,—

A gang of men in a busy town—

With a yo-heave-ho and a lusty yell,

They swung a beam and the side wall fell.

I asked the foreman: "Are these men skilled—

The kind you would hire if you wanted to build?"

He laughed and said: "Why no indeed,

Just common labor is all I need;

They can easily wreck in a day or two

What builders have taken yrs to do."

I asked myself, as I went my way,

Which of these roles have I tried today?

Am I a builder who works with care,

Measuring life by the rule and square,

Shaping my deeds by the well-made plan,

Patiently doing the best I can?

Or am I a wrecker who walks the town.

Content with the labor of tearing down?

—G K CHESTERSON.*

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RUSSIA—Schools—33

School and technical college enrollment in the Soviet Union now totals 34.5 million, *Pravda*, Moscow Communist paper, said recently. This compares with enrollment of only 7.8 million in all Russian schools before the revolution, according to *Pravda*.—U P.

SALESMANSHIP—34

The dealer who isn't out selling —is selling out.—*Business Wk.*

SOCIETY—35

We have divided society into hostile classes with large appetites and no dinners 'at one extreme and large dinners and no appetites at the other.—GEO BERNARD SHAW, quoted in *American Freeman*.

SUCCESS—36

One of America's outstanding young personalities is Rob't W Hansen, who at the age of 32 was nat'l pres of the million-mbr Fraternal Order of Eagles. I asked to what he ascribed his success. He ans'd, "Whenever I have a chance to meet another man, I have a chance to make a new friend."—WM M LAMERS, "Base Your Public Relations on Human Relations," *School Board Jnl*, 5-'49.

SYMPATHY—Understanding—37

One American boy, Sam Stewart, of Schenectady, N Y, speaks for American youth in a simple letter. Wrote 12-yr-old Sam to 72-yr-old Lt-Gov Joe R Hanley, of N Y State, after the latter had his right eye removed: "I want to let you know there is nothing to worry about, as I went thru the same thing 3 yrs ago. I play all the games the other boys do. I read a lot and can see better with my 1 eye than a lot of people can with 2. Dad has taken me to N Y 2 times, and a lot of people don't realize I have a glass eye."

Then Sam added: "If you have any questions, I'd be glad to come and see you."—HENRY LEE, "Stop Criticizing Our Children," *Coronet*, 6-'49.

TELEVISION—Education—38

Television may well become the greatest educational force in the world. Doctors can watch operations, reporters will be able to televise political meetings, church services and great preachers will be brought into your home, and women will be able to study the

latest fashion while having a cup of tea in their own living rooms.—ROB'T OWEN, "Canada in Range of Television Now!" *Nat'l Home Monthly* (Canada), 5-'49.

THOUGHT—39

A lot of hobo notions ride on the average man's train of thought.—*Baptist Observer*.

URANIUM—40

Uranium, of atomic bomb fame, was used by Romans centuries ago to color glass.—*Copper's Wkly*.

VALUES—41

Fred Wilson thought once to help an especially talented Navajo squaw. She had some education, so Fred decided that he might edge in a bit of propaganda for Christianity. "Weave me a rug," he requested, "with some of our white religious symbols in it."

When she solemnly delivered it and got her pay, Fred realized he had failed as a propagandist. Instead of a crucifix, a winged angel, or even a church spire, she had woven in pictures of automobiles and pop bottles.—OREN ARNOLD, *Nation's Business*.

VICE—42

The vice trail not only leads downhill, but gets steeper as you go on.—EDW A ROSS, Prof Emeritus of Sociology, Univ of Wis, *Capsules of Social Wisdom*. (Chapel Hill)

WAR—43

Wars can be made by accident or because, like Samson, a desperate dictatorship may attempt to pull down the whole of the temple, destroying as many of its enemies as possible, along with itself.—LOUIS BROMFIELD, *Omaha World-Herald Mag*.

WOMEN—Business—44

I have been going around saying women didn't know anything about investing money and would like to learn and every man I've said it to has looked dubious as to my sanity. One man told me there's just 1 single fact a woman wants to know about a stock and there her curiosity ends. Her invariable question: "Will it go up?"—CHARLOTTE MONTGOMERY, "The Woman's Point of View," *Tide*, 5-20-'49.



The Promise of the Stars

I haven't been here very long. I must accept the laws and traditions of my new country, and become a citizen of the U S.

It seemed simple. First, I should have to swear allegiance to the American Flag.* Stars and Stripes! The stripes did not seem particularly significant, but the stars did... At last I found a book about the flag... This is what I read: "The reason our forefathers placed stars in our Nat'l Emblem is given in the Congressional Act of June 14, 1777, which adopted the Flag, and which prescribed, 'that the Union be 13 stars in a blue field, representing a new constellation... symbolizing stars in the heavens, signaling to mankind the birth of the 1st nation on earth dedicated to personal and religious liberty; a sanctuary to which men and women the world over, oppressed because of religious and other beliefs, might take refuge and enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.'"

It was a Star moving ever westward that led the Shepherds and the Wise Men to Bethlehem, to the birthplace of One who was to teach the world a new philosophy, and give to men a new moral code, a code of love and kindness in place of cruelty and greed. It was a star by which mariners set their course across troubled seas to discover this new land. It is a star that heralds dawn and twilight...

Whatever happens to me in this new country, the symbolism of the Stars will remain. And if dark days should come, if ahead there should lie some period of doubt, I will look up at the Flag and remember, for Galileo has said, "Why should we who have so loved the stars be found afraid of the darkness?"—*Friendly Chat*.

GOOD STORIES

You Can Use

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

RALPH MCGILL

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The rumor spread in England the other day that American Marshall plan food would come in the form of hominy grits. Londoners shuddered for they regard American corn as a dish for hogs, not people.

I tried to console them by telling them they would like hominy if they would use some old southern recipes instead of eating it as northerners do. I suggested baking the grits in a casserole with milk and a couple of eggs, then serving it with cheese over the top.

The rationed British wryly asked whether I would send the eggs and cheese along with it.—*N Y Herald-Tribune*.

him away for the 3rd time, patted the suffering gardenias in her corsage, and said:

"Listen, Lothario. I'm one of those old-fashioned girls who would rather have her flowers pressed in a book than in public."—*Wall St Jnl*.

Cape Codders are a hardy lot. Old Jeb Sawyer of Eastport, for instance, was still working 8 hrs a day at the fishing wharf when he reached his hundredth birthday. The co thought it high time he retired on a pension, but Sawyer didn't like the idea. "Ding bust it," he exploded. "When I took this job in 1870, the mgr gave me his solemn word that it was permanent!"—*BENNETT CEEF, King Features Syndicate*.

Whisper: *A way to make people believe what they otherwise wouldn't believe.*—*Burning Question*.

While flying in a Dutch plane high above the Sahara, Sir Alexander Korda said he wanted to go to bed. A steward directed him

to a lower berth, but Sir Alexander objected, saying he preferred an upper.

"But, Sir Alexander," protested the steward quietly, "what difference can a yard or two make to you at a height of 3 mi's?"—*JOHN CARPENTER, London Evening News*.

Woman's place in the home these days is generally near the ash tray.—*Pierce Co Herald*. (*Ellsworth, Wis*)

The kind-hearted Jones adopted a French orphan, a little girl only 6 mo's old. A friend dropped in 1 evening and found the Joneses quizzing each other over a learn-at-home French course.

"What do you want to learn French for?" the friend asked.

"Why," said Mrs Jones, amazed at his stupidity, "little Celeste will start talking soon and we want to know what she's saying."—*Shurtleff Pioneer*.

There must be a woman in the moon. No man would stay up there that long alone and be out every night.—*JIMMY DURANTE, radio & film comedian*.

"He said that you were a sculptor," the witness testified, "but that you should wash more often."

The attorney scowled. "Give me his exact words."

"Well," ans'd the witness hesitatingly, "he said that you were a dirty chiseler."—*Two Bells*, hm, Ga Power Co.

An Ia congressman sent free seeds to a constituent in a franked envelope, on the corner of which were the usual words: "Penalty for private use, \$300." A few days later he rec'd this letter:

"I don't know what to do about them garden seeds you sent me. I notice there is a \$300 fine for private use. I don't want to plant

A pig almost caused an international crisis recently. Two mbrs of the British legation in Rumania bought a pig and left it on the estate of a friend to be fattened. Some time later the pig was taken by the gov't along with the rest of the estate's animals. The 2 diplomats claimed their pig but could not prove ownership.

Finally, they got a reply. Only pigs whose hindquarters are branded with a diplomat's initials could claim diplomatic immunity.—*Current History*.

Nowadays a man who is contented with his lot probably has a house on it.—*Business Briefs*.

An old man entered a telegraph office and, after writing a message, handed the clerk a telegraph blank and message consisting of an address and 8 vertical lines.

"But surely you're not going to send this?" protested the clerk.

"Sure," said the old man. "Why not? If those lines come out the same at the other end, my wife will know that I'll be home at 8 o'clock tonight. She can't read or write, but she can count!"—*DAN BENNETT*.

A standard test for any wit
As follows should be noted;
To what extent, and when and where
Is he, or has he, quoted?
—*Australasian Mfr*.

Try as hard as he could, the British comedian's jokes were falling flat. At last he lost his patience.

"Blimey!" he exclaimed bitterly. "You people don't seem to know when to applaud. Why don't you clap? Are you all handcuffed?"

"Handcuffed!" came a bored voice from the pit. "Why, you haven't even arrested our att'n yet!"—*Labor*.

The ardent young sophomore insisted on dancing too closely with the attractive blonde to whom he had just been introduced at the prom. Frowning, she pushed

them in my private garden. I can't afford to pay \$300 for the privilege. Try and see if you can't fix it so I can use them privately. I am a law-abiding citizen, and I don't want to commit no crime."—*Cap-per's Wkly.* j

The granary keeper was away for the day, but his wife offered to carry out the sale of a bu of wheat which a customer wanted. Measuring out the grain, she poured in 2 peck measures, and was about to tie up the sack when the customer interrupted: "But 4 pecks make a bu, ma'am!"

"Oh, do they?" she repl'd. "You see, I never had any experience measuring grain before I was married. I used to be a school-teacher."—*Tit-Bits.* (London) k

The only difference between Stalin and Hitler is 6 ft of earth.—Pure Globe, hm, Pure Oil Co.

Pat had just signed his engagement in the R A F. He wrote the date with his right hand and signed the document with his left. "Oh, you're ambidextrous," the officer remarked.

"Yes, sir," repl'd the Irishman. "My old father said to me, 'Pat, learn to cut your nails with your left hand, in case you happen to lose the right!'"—*Vues.* (Paris) l

Advice in dietetics

How very weak a fellow feels
And how his innards riot,
When helpmate serves him
skimpy meals
That fit her rigid diet.
A man is short on vigor when
His food is planned for slim-
min'.
So why not menus for the men,
And womenus for the women?
—*Gourmet.* m

Idlers among Parisian boulevards are cynically smiling at the report of a reception in Switzerland for a group of high functionaries. Among these, the story goes, was France's Min of Finance, who was rec'd with the utmost gravity by

the Swiss hosts. But when, in turn, the Swiss introduced their Min of the Navy, the French visitors could not forbear to burst into laughter.

"But why do you laugh?" a Swiss dignitary demanded, with hauteur. "We didn't, when you presented your Min of Finance."—*N Y Times Magazine.* n

Monday: In Christian countries, the day after the baseball game. — *BILL LIGHTFOOT, Bright Spot.*

Queen Victoria was passing thru Windsor Park one day and met a small girl who didn't bow to her, the daughter of her coachman. Surprised, she called the child to her and asked, "Tell me, don't you know who I am?"

"Oh, yes, I know. You are the woman my father takes riding in his coach every day!"—*Mundo Argentino, Argentina.* (QUOTE translation) o

People who excavate excavations are getting more and more accommodating all the time. Holes in the fence for adults to see thru have long been common, and lower holes for children came in just before the war. The other day, we saw one with the sign "Windows for curious canines."—*R L DUFFUS, Nation's Business.* p

If a husband's words are sometimes pointed, it is possible that it's from trying to get them in edgewise.—*JOHN NEWTON BAKER, Wife & Home.*

Morning Chapel, a Dumont daytime television show, features the clergy of different faiths on a revolving schedule. The priest who runs the Catholic program came to the great world of television as green as a blade of grass. But he was bright, eager, curious and tremendously interested, so he picked up television lore and jargon at a rate that surprised everyone. Before long, he knew nearly as much about staging a television show as anyone around the place.

One morning 2 nuns were to ap-

"The Ways and the Means..."

'Tis the day before payday
And all thru my jeans,
I've hunted in vain for the
Ways and the means.
Not a quarter is stirring,
Not even a bit.
The greenbacks have left me,
The pennies have quit.
Forward, turn forward,
O time, in thy flight
And make it tomorrow
Just for tonight.
—Labor. q

pear along with him. A perfectionist, the clergyman took the 2 sisters aside to brief them thoroughly. The trio came into the studio with the priest still talking. He shook his forefinger at the 2 sisters, as if to emphasize a point, and said firmly: "But I tell you it is absolutely necessary to wear pancake make-up."—*Tide.* r

STENOGRAPHER: A girl you pay to learn to spell—while she is looking for a husband.—*Round-up, hm, Valley Nat'l Bank.*

A woman was trying to explain to her small granddaughter something of the mystery of death. Some time, she said, she wouldn't be in the house. But granddaughter mustn't feel sorry, for grandmother would just be away.

The child seemed much affected by the talk. Then she inq'd what would become of grandmother's things. They would go to daddy and mother, she was told. But there wouldn't be room for them all in the house, granddaughter remarked. Then she had an idea.

"I'll tell you what we'll do, grandmother," she exclaimed cheerfully. "We'll sell what we can't use and buy a convertible."—*H J HASKELL, Kansas City Star.* s

Back in the days when there were trolley cars on Broadway and on 42nd St in N Y, officials of the transit co were puzzled 1 day when a new motorman turned in about 4 times the normal amt of revenue at the close of his 42nd St cross-town run. When they questioned him, he repl'd: "Things were pretty slow on 42nd St, so I ran the car up Broadway."—*MAX WEINBERG, Coronet.* t



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The Folklore of Colleges—RICHARD M. DORSON, *American Mercury*, 6-'49.

We usually associate folklore with cowboys and lumberjacks, but college students also tell stories and sing songs that they learn purely by word of mouth.

Consider for instance the gags about the absent-minded or eccentric prof. Every college and univ possesses some odd faculty mbr whose behavior makes legends . . .

At Harvard a number of anecdotes cluster around the historian, Albert Bushnell Hart, who kept pottering about the library after his retirement. Folklore says that from force of habit he took careful notes on all the books he handled and then tore up all the notes before going home . . .

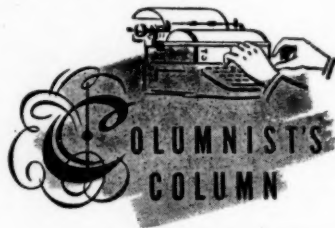
Prof's are important, campus-wise, chiefly because they give grades. How they arrive at their decisions, folklore alone knows. A Harvard tale has chemistry prof J P Cooke distributing his papers to his family; he gave the E's himself, his son-in-law the D's, and so on up to the baby, who, being the slowest, marked the A's. From 'way back I recall the tale of the prof who customarily placed his papers in 2 heaps, representing the good and the bad students. When he came across an error by a good student he disregarded it, saying, "He knows better than that." When he saw a correct answer by a poor student he marked it wrong, saying, "He couldn't have meant that." . . .

There is a sheaf of stories about the dumb star athlete. They tell of the football star who rec'd such encomiums in the press that the dean asked the coach, "Won't all this praise go to his head?" "No," said the coach, "he can't read."

As the prof is lowly and comical, so the coach is lofty and ad-

mired. Which college pres was it whose salary was raised to make it equal that of the football coach? Anyway, tales constantly spring up of coaches' magic. For instance, Adolph Rupp, the wizard basketball coach at the Univ of Ky, lays his luck to the fact that the door to his office is exactly 6 ft high. If an ambitious freshman enters without stooping, Rupp doesn't even bother to stand up and shake his hand . . .

The group loyalties of college folk get expressed in odes of sentiment and corny humor to fraternities and sororities, and to the alma mater . . . The enterprising folklorist doesn't need to journey into the back hills to scoop up tradition. He can set up his recording machine in the smoke-shop or the college grill.



Kinder & Kochen

The Univ of Heidelberg is the oldest school in gutted Germany. The 1st students cut classes here in 1386. Today it slowly limps back to normalcy. And I do mean limp, for half of the 3,200 boys in attendance have been wounded in the last war.

Most of the students just get by, saving here and there and not eating too much . . . They live 4 and 5 in tiny rooms. Most of them wear the same shiny suits they or their elder brothers wore before the blitz . . .

The German gov't does not pass

Another feature of life at old Heidelberg was the duels. It was quite the fashion to have your face sliced up like a bologna, and a lad with a shocking scar was considered very handsome and apt to be much loved by the ladies for his bravery. Today the lads have more dramatic scars—but these are the scars of crashing defeat, and nobody loves a loser.

out any reichsmarks labeled: "G I Bill of Rights," such things being reserved for victors. But it does permit 20% of the positively poverty-poor vets to have free tuition.

There are 1,600 girls studying here, but every boy I spoke to assured me that no German in his right mind would marry a coed. "When we get married," he said, "we want a hausfrau; someone who can cook and sew. You Americans might interest us with your democracy, but we will stick to the idea that a woman's primary mission is kinder and kochen." (Translated: Produce kids and mind the pots and pans.) — FRED SPARKS, *Chicago Daily News*.

